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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows. Enclosed is a re-executed Declaration of Inventorship, Petition for an Extension of Time, along with the required fee of \$55.00 for a small entity, to extend the period for response one month, to and including December 27, 2002, Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers, and Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 (b). It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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